

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-34 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-34 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) under Himmel *et al.* (U.S. 6,216,874) in view on Johnson *et al.* (U.S. 6,211,874), as cited in the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 26, 2003. Claims 1-34 are being amended. No new matter is being introduced.

Applicants thank Examiner for the Examiner's interview on Wednesday, August 13, 2003. During the Examiner's interview, Examiner stated that Claim 1 would be allowable over the cited references with appropriate amendments.

Accordingly, Claim 1 as now amended recites in part, "a graphical overlay including . . . a next step indication associated with a next step in the given task automatically displayed upon the user's completion of the first step."

As discussed in the Examiner's Interview, Johnson *et al.* teach a help window for providing a set of options associated with a given task or set of tasks. Himmel *et al.* teach applying an instruction to a set of graphical user interface links from a top-level webpage. Thus, Himmel *et al.* in view of Johnson *et al.* do not suggest the above recited claim limitation.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 1 as amended should be allowed under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Independent Claims 12, 23, and 24 are being amended in a similar manner ("automatically displaying a next step indication associated with a next step in the given task"). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that these claims should be allowed for similar reasons under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

Applicants also respectfully submit that dependent Claims 2-11, 13-22, and 25-34 should be allowed for at least the same reasons.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims (Claims 1-34) are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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